

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 - 12 (Cancelled).

Claim 13 (Original). A coated web product comprising:

a lightweight web which has insufficient strength to allow the web to be effectively extrusion coated using conventional extrusion systems without substantial deformation thereof; and

a polymer coating extrusion coated thereon wherein the lightweight web is substantially undeformed.

Claim 14 (Original). The product of Claim 13 wherein the lightweight web is a nonwoven fabric.

Claim 15 (Original). The product of Claim 13 wherein the lightweight web is a paper web.

Claim 16 (Original). The product of Claim 13 wherein the lightweight web is a metal foil.

Claim 17 (Original). The product of Claim 13 wherein the lightweight web exhibits deformations when subjected to a tension of about 0.5 pli or less.

Claim 18 (Original). The product of Claim 13 wherein the lightweight web has a MD curl of less than about 3 inches as measured by TAPPI UM 427.

Claim 19 (Original). The product of Claim 13 wherein the polymer coating extruded onto the lightweight web is a polymeric film comprising a polymer selected from the group consisting of extruded low density polyethylene (LDPE), polyolefin plastomers (POP), polyolefin elastomers (POE), linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE), high density polyethylene (HDPE), polypropylene (PP), ethylene methyl acrylate copolymer (EMA), ethylene butyl acrylate copolymer (EnBA), ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer (EVA), ethylene acrylic acid copolymer (EAA), ethylene methyl acrylic acid copolymer (EMAA), ionomoers, ethylene vinyl alcohol (EVOH), polyesters such as polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polyamides, and one or more of the foregoing.

Claim 20 (Original). The product of Claim 13 wherein the polymer coating comprises a coextrusion of at least two layers of polymer films.

Claim 21 (Cancelled).

Claim 22 (New). An extrusion coated lightweight web formed according to a method comprising the steps of:

feeding a length of a lightweight web which has insufficient strength to allow the web to be effectively extrusion coated using conventional extrusion systems along with a length of carrier web to a nip of an extruder with the lightweight web supported by the carrier web;

extruding a polymer film coating onto the lightweight web and carrier web in the extruder so that a surface of the lightweight web is coated by the extruded coating to provide an extrusion-coated lightweight web; and

separating the extrusion-coated lightweight web from the carrier web.

Claim 23 (New). The coated web product of Claim 13, consisting essentially of:

the lightweight web; and

the polymer coating extrusion coated thereon

wherein the lightweight web is selected from the group consisting of paper webs having a basis weight up to about 17 lbs/3000ft<sup>2</sup> and a caliper of about 1.4 mils or less, metal foils, having a basis weight up to about 21 lbs/3000ft<sup>2</sup> and thickness or caliper of about 0.5 mils or less, oriented polymer films having a basis weight up to about 10 lbs/3000ft<sup>2</sup> and a thickness or caliper of about 0.7 mils or less, and non-woven textile fibrous materials having a basis weight up to about 15 lbs/3000ft<sup>2</sup>.

Claim 24 (New). A coated web product comprising:

a lightweight web which has insufficient strength to allow the web to withstand being subjected to a tension of about 0.5 pli or more; and

a polymer coating extrusion coated thereon wherein the lightweight web is substantially undeformed.

Claim 25 (New). A coated web product comprising:

a lightweight web

a carrier web adjacent to and supporting the lightweight web; and

a polymer coating extrusion coated thereon wherein the lightweight web is

substantially undeformed.

Claim 26 (New). The coated web product of Claim 25, wherein the lightweight web has a width less than the width of the carrier web.

Claim 27 (New). The coated web product of Claim 25, wherein the lightweight web exhibits deformations when subjected to a tension of about 0.5 pli or less.

Claim 28 (New). The coated web product of Claim 25, wherein the polymer coating extruded onto the lightweight web is a polymeric film comprising a polymer selected from the group consisting of extruded low density polyethylene (LDPE), polyolefin plastomers (POP), polyolefin elastomers (POE), linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE), high density polyethylene (HDPE), polypropylene (PP), ethylene methyl acrylate copolymer (EMA), ethylene butyl acrylate copolymer (EnBA), ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer (EVA), ethylene acrylic acid copolymer (EAA), ethylene methyl acrylic acid copolymer (EMAA), ionomers, ethylene vinyl alcohol (EVOH), polyesters such as polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polyamides, and one or more of the foregoing.

Claim 29 (New). The coated web product of Claim 25, wherein the polymer coating comprises a coextrusion of at least two layers of polymer films.